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CORPS BASE QUANTICO BULLETIN 11015

From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital
Region - Marine Corps Base Quantico
To: Distribution List

Subj: 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR HUNTING SEASON

Ref: (a) MCBO 11015.2C

Encl: (1) 2017-2018 Hunting Season
(2) 2017-2018 Game Checking Station Hours of Operation,
License Sales Hours, Hunter Orientation Safety Class
Schedule and Archery Qualification Class Schedule
(3) 2017-2018 Early Reservation Schedules

1. Situation. To publish 2017-2018 Hunting Season dates, bag limits, Game Checking Station (GCS) hours of operation, and Hunter Safety Orientation and Archery Qualification class schedules for hunting aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ).

2. Mission. To operate a hunting program aboard MCBQ that is consistent with all federal and state laws and compatible with military training requirements.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Hunting will be provided to the extent allowable in keeping with mission security, safety, and good conservation stewardship.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) All hunting regulations and procedures are contained in reference (a). These regulations and a map of MCBQ Hunting Areas will be available on-line and at the GCS. Anyone wanting to hunt aboard the base must review and adhere to the regulations and procedures.

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(b) Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits. Enclosure (1) provides the 2017-2018 Hunting Season dates and bag limits.

(c) Adjustments in Season Dates and Bag Limits. The Assistant Chief of Staff G-F (AC/S G-F), Installation and Environment Division, is authorized by reference (a) to reduce or close hunting days in the event of inclement weather, elevated force protection conditions, or to limit the harvest in consonance with good conservation practices. Unscheduled closures or adjustments to season dates and bag limits made after publication of this Bulletin will be posted at the GCS hunter read board and at Quantico Outdoors website: <http://www.quantico.marines.mil/OfficesStaff/G-FInstallationandEnvironment/NaturalResourcesEnvironmentalAffairs/QuanticoSportsman.aspx>. Additionally, hunters can call the MCBQ weather hotline at 703-784-3638 for information on weather related Base closures.

(d) GCS Hours of Operation. The GCS hours of operation are contained in enclosure (2). The GCS is closed and there is no hunting on Sundays, Labor Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. **The GCS will close at 1200 on 23 Nov Thanksgiving Day.**

(e) License Sales. MCBQ Hunting Licenses are sold on days when the GCS is open. See enclosure (2) for hours of sales. The annual Hunting License costs \$20.00 and a trip license valid for three (3) hunting days costs \$5.00. The cost to replace a lost MCBQ Hunting License is \$2.00. People under the age of 18, those 65 and over, those having the Virginia Permanently Disabled Resident Lifetime License, and Native Americans exempt from purchasing the Virginia Hunting License under Code of Virginia 29.1-301 will be provided a MCBQ Hunting License free of charge.

(f) Early Reservation Schedule. All MCBQ hunters must obtain a daily hunting permit before entering the hunting areas. MCBQ licensed hunters may attempt to reserve a daily hunting permit on the GCS business day prior to a hunting day per the schedule provided by enclosure (3). Full details about the reservation of daily hunting permits are contained in the reference.

(g) New Hunter Tracking System. During the 2017-2018 hunting season, the current hunter tracking system will be replaced with a more modern service that will permit users to use the internet to check in and out, along with many other features. Updates about the new hunter tracking service will be

provided at GCS as new developments arise.

(h) Sportsman Advisory Council (SAC) Email Account. Recently, NREA reactivated the SAC email account to improve communication between NREA and the hunting community. Sportsmen wanting to provide NREA with feedback about the hunting and fishing programs should send messages to: **quan_sac@usmc.mil**. NREA personnel will consolidate responses for the SAC committee members to review.

(i) New Antler Point Restriction. The antlered deer definition has been modified. **One of the 2 antlered deer permitted to be harvested by a hunter on base must have at least 3 antler points, 1 inch or longer, on 1 side.**

b. Subordinate Element Missions. AC/S G-F (Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch) will administer the hunting program per the reference.

4. Administration and Logistics

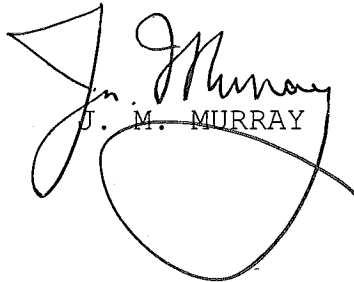
a. Administration Recommendations concerning the contents of this Bulletin may be provided to the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ (B 046) via the appropriate chain of command.

b. Logistics. None.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command This Bulletin is applicable to all personnel aboard MCBQ. Please contact the Provost Marshall's Office, (703) 784-2252, if witness to any violation of this Bulletin.

b. Signal All land use restrictions are effective the date signed.


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2017-2018 HUNTING SEASON

BLACK BEAR

Archery	7 Oct - 17 Nov
Firearms	27 Nov - 06 Jan

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) regulations apply: Virginia bear license is required. One (1) per season. Females with cubs may not be harvested. Minimum weight 100 lbs live or 75 lbs dressed. Bear can be taken in any open hunting area but hunters must abide by weapons restrictions, i.e., must use archery tackle only in archery hunting areas. **MCB Quantico will NOT participate in the new Firearms Early Bear Season (2-4 Oct) passed by DGIF.**

CROW

6 Sep - 27 Jan No bag limit.

It is lawful to hunt crows only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Youth/Apprentice Hunt	30 Sep	Firearms or archery. Blaze color required.
Archery Only	7 Oct - 17 Nov 18 Nov - 6 Jan	Either-sex. Base-wide. Either-sex. DMAP areas only.
Firearms	18 Nov - 6 Jan	Buck-only, except on (3) designated either-sex days, which are 16, 23, and 30 Dec.

See next page for deer bag limits and MCBQ policies.

DOVE

5 - 8 Sep; 9 Sep - 28 Oct; 22 - 29 Nov; 23 Dec - 15 Jan

Daily Limit: 15. During the first 4 days of the season, 5 - 8 Sep, hunting is allowed from noon until sunset. Beginning 9 Sep, the legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until sunset for remainder of the season. Dove may be hunted in any open firearms hunting area.

MCBQ Deer Hunting Policies and Bag Limits

Antlerless Deer: Females (does) and male fawns (button bucks) having no polished antler protruding above the hairline.

Antlered Deer: One of the 2 antlered deer permitted to be harvested by a hunter on base must have at least 3 antler points, 1 inch or longer, on 1 side. During the "buck" only portion of the firearms deer season, only deer with polished antlers protruding above the hairline, may be taken. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and antlerless tags may NOT be used on antlered deer.

Daily Bag Limit. 1 per day. Exception: Guests selected for a Wounded Warrior Hunt may harvest 2 deer per day, one which must be antlered and one which must be antlerless. Deer harvested by these hunters count against their season bag limit.

Season Bag Limit: 4 per license year. No more than 2 antlered bucks (see definition above) can be taken at MCBQ during the 2017-2018 deer season. Any of the tabs on the Virginia deer license can be used at MCBQ so long as no more than 2 antlered bucks are harvested and the total number of tabs notched at MCBQ does not exceed 4. Antlerless deer taken on DMAP tags do not count against the season limit.

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation: The Virginia youth antlerless deer regulation applies at MCBQ.

Special Muzzle Loading Gun Season. There will be no muzzle loading gun season aboard MCBQ, with the following exceptions: from 4 - 17 Nov, persons requiring wheelchair for mobility may be assigned to Huntmaster stands and may harvest one deer per day, either-sex. Guests selected for a Wounded Warrior Hunt may use a muzzle loading firearm. Guest hunt coordinators who are providing guide services on these special hunts are not authorized to use muzzle loading firearms.

Bonus Deer Tags. Bonus deer tags, sold by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will not be accepted for deer harvested aboard MCBQ.

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Tags. The Game Checking Station may provide DMAP tags for the harvest of antlerless deer in the following archery hunting areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area (ETA), OCS (2, 3, 4), 5B, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur. Only DMAP permits issued by the GCS are valid aboard MCBQ. **Only 1 DMAP tag may be used per day per hunter.** Deer tagged with DMAP tags will not count against either daily or season bag limits.

FURBEARERS

Fox	1 Nov - 27 Jan	No Limit
Opossum	16 Oct - 27 Jan	No Limit
Raccoon	16 Oct - 27 Jan	Daily Limit: 2
Bobcat (Archery)	7 Oct - 31 Oct	Daily Limit: 2
Bobcat (Firearms)	1 Nov - 27 Jan	Daily Limit: 2

Annual bobcat limit: 4 taken by hunting and trapping combined

Note: Night hunting is prohibited on MCBQ; furbearers can only be taken during daytime hunting hours, ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE - Season closed

RABBIT

4 Nov - 27 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

5 Sep - 25 Sep

Daily Limit: 10

East of I-95

5 - 15 Sep; Hunting ceases at
½ hour after sunset.

16 - 25 Sep; Hunting ceases at
sunset.

West of I-95

5 - 20 Sep; Hunting ceases
at ½ hour after sunset.

21 - 25 Sep; Hunting ceases at
sunset.

SEPTEMBER TEAL

16 - 30 Sep (East of I-95)

21 - 30 Sep (West of I-95)

Daily Limit: 6

SQUIRREL

5 Sep - 27 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

TURKEY (Fall Seasons - Either-sex)

Archery 7 Oct - 10 Nov

Firearms 21 Oct (Youth & Apprentice Turkey Hunt)
28 Oct - 10 Nov, 23 Nov, 4 - 30 Dec, 13 - 27 Jan

TURKEY (Spring Gobbler - bearded birds only)

Youth/Apprentice Day 7 Apr (hunt ends at 1200 noon)

Gobbler Season 14 Apr - 19 May (hunt ends at 1200 noon)

Daily Limit: (All Seasons): 1

Annual Limit: 3

Note: No more than 2 turkeys may be taken in the fall and no more than 2 turkeys may be taken in the spring. The use of turkey calling devices while scouting hunting areas prior to the spring gobbler season is prohibited. Locator calls that do not mimic turkeys are allowed.

WATERFOWL

Duck, goose, and swan seasons established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be in effect at MCBQ from 5 Sep 2017 - 27 Jan 2018. Waterfowl hunting seasons are posted on the GCS hunter read board. Any Virginia special waterfowl hunting days for youths will be in effect at MCBQ on days GCS is open.

WOODCOCK

20 Nov - 8 Dec; 21 Dec - 15 Jan

Daily Limit: 3

2017-2018 GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION,
 LICENSE SALES HOURS, HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULE,
 AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE

DATES	GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION	LICENSE SALES HOURS	HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS TIMES
5 Sept-6 Oct	0800-90 minutes past sunset	0800-1600	0800-1500, M,W,F 0800-1300, T,Th,S on the half hour.
7 Oct-6 Jan	0530-90 minutes past sunset1	0600-1600	0600-1500, M,W,F 0600-1300, T,Th,S on the half hour.
8-27 Jan	0800-1600	0800-1600	By appointment
6 Apr & 13 Apr	0800-1600	0800-1500	0800-1500, on the half hour
7 Apr	0445-1300	0500-1200	0500-1200 on the half hour
14 Apr-19 May	0445-1300	0500-1200	0500-1200 on the half hour
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE			
5 Sep-5 Oct			1400 at GCS, T,Th,S
7 Oct-4 Nov			1300 at GCS, Saturdays only. After 5 Nov contact GCS staff.

Note:

1. The Game Checking Station will remain open longer if individuals have been authorized to track wounded deer.
2. If no Game Checking Station attendant is present, waterfowl hunters will be able to check-out on a clipboard provided at the big game weigh shed. All other hunters will use the Hunter Tracking System.

2017-2018 EARLY RESERVATION SCHEDULES

FALL/WINTER HUNTING SEASON		
Hunter Category	Checkout Time ¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1135-2359	A
GREEN	1145-2359	A; B after 1300
BLUE with CVP Card	1215-2359	B first; then A
BLUE	1230-2359	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	1300-2359	C first, then A
BROWN	1330-2359	C
ALL LICENSES	1700	A+B+C

Note: 1. On rare occasions, late changes to the training schedule may result in the delay of reservation times.

2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of 2 hunting permits, 1 for himself/herself and 1 for a friend.
Quotas: A=70% of daily passes (GREEN); B=15% of daily passes (BLUE); C=15% of daily passes (BROWN).

3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

SPRING GOBBLER SEASON		
Hunter Category	Checkout Time ¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1135-2359	A
GREEN	1145-2359	A; B after 1230
BLUE with CVP Card	1215-2359	B first; then A
BLUE	1230-2359	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	1245-2359	C first, then A
BROWN	1300-2359	C
ALL LICENSES	At 1330	A+B+C

Note: 1. On rare occasions, late changes to the training schedule may result in the delay of reservation times.

2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve 1 hunting permit. Quotas: A=70% of daily passes; B=15% of daily passes; C=15% of daily passes.

3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card. If the hunter has a Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card, he/she may take a guest on a "companion" hunt. The hunters must proceed to and from the assigned hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. Each hunter may carry a weapon.

WATERFOWL BLINDS		
Hunter Category	Checkout Time ¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1125	A
GREEN	about 1126 ⁴	A
BLUE with CVP Card	about 1127	A+B
BLUE	about 1128	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	about 1129	A+B+C
BROWN	about 1130	A+B+C
ALL LICENSES	about 1131	A+B+C

Notes: 1. Quotas: A=70% of available blinds (GREEN); B=15% of daily blinds (BLUE); C=15% of daily blinds (BROWN).

2. A calendar will be published prior to the season that designates for each hunting day, which waterfowl blinds are in the "A, B or C" quota for checkout purposes. The designation of the blinds will be rotated on a systematic basis. Due to the limited number of blinds, a hunter may reserve or pick up only 1 blind during early checkout. To encourage equal access to blinds, any individual who hunted a blind may not reserve the same blind for the next day's hunt prior to 1600 during early checkout.

3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

4. Each group will be called to the window as soon as all patrons in the preceding group have been served. After all groups have been called to the window, any remaining passes will be issued first come first served in person or by telephone reservation by calling 703-784-5523/5329.

